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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Support)

SUBJECT: Agency Helicopter Service Within the Washington Area

1. This memorandum is for information only. It describes possible courses of action in establishing a helicopter service for the Central Intelligence Agency in the Washington area. The information presented will aid in determining the feasibility of utilizing this method of transportation for expeditious local movement of Agency officials.

2. The military services provide helicopter transportation to Government agencies in the Washington area. Under the present system, all agencies share the available airlift under an established priority system. Military helicopters can be reserved for the exclusive use of the Central Intelligence Agency through application to the controlling service. Attachment 1 contains specific information.

3. Limited commercial helicopter transportation is available. This service can be arranged on a flight-by-flight basis or through contract for longer specified periods of time. Immediate Agency utilization of commercial service is severely restricted by the lack of established landing sites near areas of Agency interest. Attachment 2 gives detailed data.

4. Through prior agreement with controlling authorities, helicopter landings can be made at established military and civilian airports in the local area. By obtaining clearance for each flight, the Pentagon heliport can be utilized. There are additional potential sites such as the new CIA headquarters, the White House, the Naval Weapons Plant, the commercial heliport at 26th and G Streets, N. W., and Potomac Park (Rosser Field - Ohio Drive). Possible use of the Potomac Park site has not been cleared with the Director of the National Park Service. None of the landing areas mentioned can be utilized prior to obtaining clearance for routes and procedures from the Federal Aviation Agency. Coordination with cleared experts in FAA on 13 October 1961 determined that routes and procedures can be developed without difficulty. Attachment 3 outlines possibilities and limitations.

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5. Customer costs for military helicopter service range from $45.00 per hour for two-passenger aircraft to $180.00 per hour for 18-passenger aircraft. Commercial charge for the two-passenger aircraft is approximately $60.00 per hour. Larger aircraft are not presently available commercially. Attachment 4 is a detailed cost breakdown.

6. Upon determination of the number of daily trips and the general requirements for helicopter service, there appears to be three alternatives from which selection can be made:

a. Military helicopters and pilots may be secured and assigned to a nearby military installation for the exclusive use of the Agency.

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c. Commercial service may be obtained with the probability that flights to the White House will have to be handled by the Executive Helicopter Company at Davison Army Air Field.

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Attachments:
1. Availability of Military Aircraft
2. Availability of Commercial Aircraft
3. Potential Landing Sites
4. Comparative Customer Costs

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